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180 East Broad St.

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Re: Case # 17*0032-EL-AIR

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to register my displeasure with the recent proposal by Duke Energy to institute upfront mandatory residential fixed fees. In particular I object to these fees being applied to "saving" older energy systems that are outdated, less efficient and unclean --- particularly coal.

If I am paying more in energy costs, I want that money to be invested in creating new, clean energy. Protecting coal and discarding efficient, more environmentally friendly energy sourcing, is backward and dangerous.

Similarly, this upfront fee increase hurts families who are already struggling. These fees can amount to almost \$275. That amount can be devastating to people who are living paycheck to paycheck or otherwise struggling.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lauren Elliott

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